

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL PESHAWAR  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0381  
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
AMCONSUL KARACHI  
AMCONSUL LAHORE

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC  
SUBJ: LIST OF DOCTORS

REF : STATE 175105 NOTAL

1. POST STILL CONSIDERING NAMES OF DOCTORS FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION  
IN DEPARTMENT S LIST.

2. WE HAVE NOT SEEN ISLAMABAD S 5445. BEFORE ANSWERING DEPARTMENT S  
QUESTIONS IN REFTEL, WISH TO STATE THAT WE TRY NOT TO BE ALARMISTS,  
BUT TOTAL OF FOUR AMERICANS NOW SERVING IN PESHAWAR WITH STATE,  
ICA AND USAID HAVE EXTENSIVE SERVICE IN DEVELOPING WORLD AND HAVE  
NEVER SEEN A MEDICAL CARE DISASTER AREA LIKE THIS ONE. DEPARTMENT  
MAY WISH TO REFER TO POST S LAST DIFFERENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE  
RE AVAILABLE MEDICAL SERVICES, WHICH DESPITE ITS PURPOSE IS NO  
EXAGGERATION.

3. PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO FIND THIS ONE-MAN  
CONSULATE S TELEPHONE WORKING OR TO RECEIVE ACCURATE DIRECTIONS TO  
ITS FRONT GATE WOULD RECEIVE FOLLOWING MEDICAL ADVICE AND  
ASSISTANCE DURING BOTH DUTY AND NON-DUTY HOURS:

(A) IF NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL CASE, WOULD STRONGLY ADVISE  
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WAITING FOR ANY TREATMENT UNTIL TRAVELER REACHES ISLAMABAD OR  
KARACHI, OR BETTER YET EUROPE. SOLE EXCEPTION WOULD BE TRAVELER S  
TUMMY, IN WHICH CASE WE WOULD SEND TO MISSION HOSPITAL, PESHAWAR.  
THIS HOSPITAL IS REALLY AN EYE HOSPITAL DEALING PRIMARILY IN  
CATARACT OPERATIONS, BUT ITS TWO LOCAL DOCTORS CAN USUALLY TAKE  
CARE OF SIMPLER STOMACH UPSETS. FOR REALLY FANCY AMOEBAS, FORGET IT.  
(B) FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CASES, WE WOULD DIRECT PATIENT OR

TAKE PATIENT TO LOCAL MILITARY HOSPITAL TO SEE IF ARMY DOCTORS WILLING TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY CARE. FAILING THIS, AS WE PROBABLY WOULD, WOULD DIRECT OR TAKE PATIENT TO EMERGENCY ROOM OF KHYBER TEACHING HOSPITAL OR LADY READING CIVIL HOSPITAL, BOTH IN PESHAWAR, ATTEMPT TO WAKE UP EMERGENCY ROOM STAFF AND PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO GO IN SEARCH OF DUTY DOCTOR, AND STAND BY TO GO TO BAZZAR TO PURCHASE NECESSARY MEDICINES, SUTURES, BANDAGES, IV SOLUTIONS, SCALPELS, OR WHATEVER ELSE WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE PARTICULAR CASE. IF SURGERY INDICATED, WOULD FIRST OBTAIN NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN.

4. MEDICAL PROFESSION HERE WORKS ON MODIFIED BRITISH CONSULTANCY SYSTEM, SO ANY DOCTOR S STOCK IN TRADE IS ACCESS TO ONE OF THE ABOVE HOSPITALS. DOCTORS NOT EQUIPPED TO HANDLE CASES IN THEIR OFFICES OR PRIVATE PREMISES. SURGICAL WORK BEYOND LEVEL OF DUTY STAFF AT HOSPITALS WOULD LEAD TO ONE OF CONSULTING SURGEONS BEING CALLED IN TO TAKE CARE OF IT. FACILITIES FOR TREATING HEART CASES INSPIRE NEARLY AS LITTLE CONFIDENCE AS SURGICAL CAPABILITIES.

5. IN FACT, OF COURSE, CONSULATE USUALLY ONLY HEARS ABOUT VISITING AMCITS IN LOCAL HOSPITALS AFTER THEY HAVE MANAGED TO GET THERE ON THEIR OWN OR HAVE BEEN TAKEN THERE BY SOMEONE ELSE. CAN CITE CHAPTER AND VERSE ON OTHER EXPOSURES TO LOCAL MEDICINE IN LAST TWO YEARS IF YOU WISH, BUT BELIEVE YOU GET PICTURE. BEST RECENT CITATION IS REMARK OF LOCAL SURGEON TO CONSUL S WIFE AS UNCLASSIFIED

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SHE FOLLOWED PROGRESS OF TREATMENT TO BADLY BROKEN ARM OF CONSULATE LAUNDRYMAN (DHOBI). SAID HE TO HER, WHAT ARE YOU SO CONCERNED ABOUT? HE S ONLY A DHOBI. EVEN WITH FULL CAVEATS, WE ARE STILL RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE A LIST OF DOCTORS WHEN WE KNOW THEIR WORTH AND/OR THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY WORK. MAHER

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